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" (b) The above stocks were held by the procuring agents in the various taluks of the district."

Complaint against the quality of Coorg rice.

* 549 Q.—Sri V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received complaints about the quality of the new arrivals of Coorg rice in the Malabar ration shops; and

(b) whether any steps have been taken to rectify the defects?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) The Collector of Malabar is being asked to enquire into and report on the complaint. Any action necessary will be taken on receipt of the Collector's report."

Sri V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" This is a matter of rice and food and requires immediate action. Representations were made months ago, I think, at least a couple of months ago. If the Collector's report has not yet come, that is a very sad commentary upon the Collector's action. May I suggest to Government that at least in such matters reports and proposals and various other dilatory measures may be cut through and quick action taken immediately? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I am sorry this answer was prepared a few months ago. Quick action has been taken in the matter since then."

Sengipatti Tuberculosis Sanatorium, Tanjore.

* 550 Q.—Sri K. R. SAMBANDAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether the Government have decided to give any yearly grant to Sengipatti Tuberculosis Sanatorium in Tanjore?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" The matter is under the consideration of the Government."

Sri S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" I think the same question was raised a year ago. The then Hon. Minister for Health who continues to be the Hon. Minister for Health even now, said that the matter was being considered and after the consideration was over, the grant would be given. Even after the lapse of one year, the Hon. the Minister for Public Health repeats the same answer. May I know how long will the Government take to consider this matter? May I know when they would give the grant to the hospital? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" There was a deficit in the year 1952–53. We are watching whether in the year 1953–54 also there would be a deficit so far as the hospital is concerned. When that information is received, the matter will be considered."